

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2015 CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a combined Work Session and Called Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. This was held as a voting meeting due to the August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting being canceled. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney William House, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Marc Turner of the Cleveland Worship Center and the White County Ministerial Alliance provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting including Executive Session Minutes.

Upon presentation of proclamation, the White County Board of Commissioners honored Ms. Vicki Frankum for her 16 years of service to the White County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. John Becker of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia presented information to the Board regarding the organization's efforts and progress in fighting hunger in Northeast Georgia. He commended the various organizations in White County who partner with the Food Bank for funding and distribution. Mr. Becker detailed the expansion plans of the Food Bank in Clayton, GA and Athens, GA which would increase their storage capacity and specifically allow large quantities of fresh foods to be obtained through local farmers and to store the frozen foods.

Mr. Ron Webb of the Northeast Georgia Veteran's Society presented a proposal for the placement of a monument at Freedom Park honoring White County citizens who were killed in military action (KIA). Mr. Webb presented a draft rendering of the proposed monument.

There was a consensus among the Board that Freedom Park was an appropriate location for this type monument and the Board was definitely in support of the project. Chairman Turner stated that Mr. Melton was currently working with the county engineering firm for a plan to relocate the military monument in front of the Courthouse to Freedom Park and the KIA monument would need to fit into that overall plan. Mr. Webb stated that he appreciated the Board's support and the Veteran's Society would continue the fundraising campaign for the KIA monument project and would be looking forward to working with the county on the project.

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Ms. Heather Sinyard and Ms. Donna Clark presented a funding request to the Board of Commissioners for funds to be used for marketing the Hillbilly Hog BBQ Festival to be held in October.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve \$2,500.00 from Hotel Motel Tax for the marketing / promotion of the Hillbilly Hog BBQ Festival – with this being the final year of county support for the event.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve \$9,249.00 in 2014 SPLOST Funding for the White County Sheriff's Office purchase of a live scan machine from Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Director of Finance, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

Mr. Melton did not have any comments for the County Manager's portion of the agenda.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, expressed her appreciation to the Board for their recognition earlier in the meeting of Ms. Vicky Frankum. He also reviewed several projects the Chamber was currently working on.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting.

The minutes of the July 27, 2015 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.

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s/Travis C. Turner  
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger  
Terry D. Goodger, District 1

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s/Lyn Holcomb

Lyn Holcomb, District 2

s/Edwin Nix

Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk